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LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES ON I-215
SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2004

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work on improvements to the 60-91-215 Interchange and Interstate 215. Nighttime lane restrictions and ramp closures will be in effect as the contractor prepares for construction, and may create delays. The closures are necessary to re-stripe ramps and install K-rail on the mainline in preparation for freeway widening and bridge reconstruction.

The following **lane** closures are planned:

- On northbound I-215 between Box Springs and El Cerrito, traffic will be restricted to two lanes from Tuesday, April 6 through Friday, April 9, between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m., ending at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 10.
- On northbound I-215 between University and Spruce, traffic will be restricted to two lanes from Tuesday, April 6 through Friday, April 9, between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m., ending at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 10.
- On southbound I-215 between Spruce and University, traffic will be restricted to two lanes from Tuesday, April 6 through Friday, April 9, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., ending at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 10.
- On southbound I-215 between El Cerrito and Box Springs, traffic will be restricted to two lanes from Tuesday, April 6 through Friday, April 9, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., ending at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 10.



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The following **ramp** closures are planned:

- Intermittent ramp closures will be in effect Tuesday through Friday nights, at the same times as lane closures, to and from northbound and southbound I-215 at the following locations:

Southbound on-ramps to I-215 from El Cerrito, Central

Southbound off-ramps from I-215 to University Avenue, Central

Northbound on-ramps to I-215 from Central, University Avenue

Northbound off-ramps from I-215 to Central, El Cerrito, Blaine

Ramp closures to re-stripe the ramps will be in place as needed by the work crew, within the closure time limits. Individual ramp closures will be lifted as soon as work is completed at that ramp.

Long term closure of the carpool lane on I-215 between Blaine and University in both directions will be in effect for at least 15 months.

This project's many improvements include widening I-215 from the interchange to past the 60-215 split, and reconstructing the existing bridges over the freeway. By widening the freeway, Caltrans will be able to extend the carpool lane from University to just west of the 60-215 split, where it will join a carpool lane currently under construction. Carpool lanes improve commute times for motorists, and spare the air.

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), a special team of tow trucks that travel on selected freeways during peak hours to assist drivers when their cars break down, will be active at this work location during construction. In addition to peak periods, the FSP will be available throughout the day to assist motorists who may become stranded in the area. The FSP is funded by Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and was created to keep Riverside County's freeways moving.

Motorists are advised to use caution and allow extra time, and as always, slow for the cone zone. The safety of roadway workers depends on the motoring public.

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